

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, the Examiner imposed an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among Specie A, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 1; Specie B, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 2; or Specie C, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 3.

Applicants hereby elect Specie A, without traverse. Applicants aver that claims 1-11 read on Specie A. Since Species B and C are independent inventions, claims 12-35 have been canceled by the present Amendment to be pursued in divisional applications.

The Examiner is invited to contact the listed attorney with any comments on this election response. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications drawn to any non-elected claims, if necessary.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully Submitted,

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